

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 6, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Aaron Gurley and Nick Culley (Youth Liaison) answered roll call. Mike Daubenspeck was present via Zoom.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Since Covid restrictions are being lifted there have been conversations regarding programs. Pavey stated he thought it would be a good idea to schedule a town hall meeting so the public can get their questions answered.
2. Continue with virtual meetings – Pavey said he has no problem continuing with virtual meetings.
3. It was agreed that the resignations of 2 fireman that was acted upon at the previous Board of Works meeting be accepted as presented due to scheduling conflicts. We will draw up a written policy.
4. Pavey said he has been talking to the County about the City updating our handbook. The County has agreed to sub contract Tony Personett to help us out with this. There will also be a committee to review the document. We will reimburse County for hours worked.
5. Community Center – We are meeting with partnering operations. We interviewed 4 potential contractors.
6. The Mayor's annual 5K race will be May 22 with proceeds going to the Booster Club.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – The Overlook is starting to wrap up, July 15 is the governmental sign off date.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** –
- **APC/BZA** -
- **Housing** –Development continues to progress.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – A meeting is scheduled for April 14 at BTW at 6:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Mayor Pavey reported for Director Burklow. They are working on the pool and hope to have it filled by the end of the week. There are concerns since it wasn't used last year. We are grateful to the City Utilities for not charging us to fill the pool.

They are visiting the Overlook daily.

The pool staff has been chosen.

Mowing is in full swing. The bathrooms were opened today.

Fire – Chief Munson reported that they have completed their physicals.

Three applications have been picked up and one was returned.

Police – Chief Tucker informed Council that their radar units are being recertified. He has picked up the new car. The equipment is on back order.

Utility – Superintendent Day reported that they continue working on their capital improvement plan.

They are waiting on a quote from Mill Drill. They are looking at the south well field.

Street – Superintendent Miller informed Council that the Board of Works gave him permission to hire Nate Gosnell to replace Johnny Woods.

Miller asked if he could put up the signs at the jail or did he need to wait until it has been advertised. Julie Newhouse said we need to approve an ordinance and advertise.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that they are getting out of the fencing contract with K & K. It will cost a little over \$3000.00 for materials and labor that has already been used. The Board of Works approved to enter into a contract with Indiana Wire out of Greensburg. The fencing should be in by mid-May.

Mayor Pavey said he met with Paul Wilkinson they will schedule a meeting to discuss the animal control contract with the City.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Protest Guidelines** – Pavey asked Council to get any mark-ups to him before the next meeting.
 - a. Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Ordinance
 - b. Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events
2. **CCMG Schedule** - The following 3 bids were received:
 - Globe – \$211,308.50
 - Robertson \$173,260.00
 - O’Mara \$169,781.30Bridges moved to accept the low bid from O’Mara. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - a. 4/5 Pavement Committee
 - b. 4/6 Board of Works Contract Approval
 - c. 4/7 Signing of Board of Works Contracts

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning and Zoning:

1. **Ordinance 2021-10 Gwinnup Rezone 597 E US Hwy 52 & 611 E US Hwy 52 – Neighborhood Business District** – Gurley moved to approve Ordinance 2021-10 re-zoning to a C2. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2021-11 Handicap Ramp in City Right-of-Way** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-11. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance:

3. **Resolution 2021-6 Adding Money Back to Appropriations** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2012-6. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General:

4. **Ordinance 2021-12 – Off-Road Vehicle Usage** - Daubenspeck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-12. Motion died for lack of a second. Bridges, Berkemeier, and Marzon said they would like more time to review. Berkemeier made a motion to table for further review. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2021-7 Supporting DNR Project-Flatrock River Stream and Wetland Restoration Project** – Pavey sent out samples for review. There would be no cost to the City at this time. Pavey said he will extend an invitation to attend a meeting for discussion.

6. **2021 Summer Activities Health Department Meeting** – Pavey said he had a meeting with the Health Department. By summer safety standards will be more of a courtesy situation. Not necessarily mandatory but more of a recommendation.

COVID-19 Update: Rush County is at a blue level. We are fearful that the numbers will change due to less testing. Vaccinations dropped to 16 years old.

CLAIMS: Gurley moved to approve the claims as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Berkemeier asked for an update on the Jordan Manufacturing parking issues. No parking signs have been put in place. Two were cited for violation.

There will be a kick off meeting April 9 at 9:30 at the Courthouse for the flood and pre-disaster grant.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.